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SUBJECT: IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT VISITS CHINA AND NORTH KOREA

1. LOCAL MEDIA GAVE LAVISH ATTENTION TO RECENT THREE DAY BACK-TO-BACK VISITS (JULY 4-11) BY IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT TAHA MOHIUDDIN MAROUF TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA. WOULD APPEAR THAT IRAQ'S GENIAL KURDISH VICE PRESIDENT (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ROME) AND LOW KEY DELEGATION COMPOSED MAINLY OF ECONOMIC TECH-NOCRATS ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE GIVEN VERY RPT VERY FRIENDLY RECEPTIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND RECEIVED SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM MAO TSE TUNG, KIM IL SUNG AND OTHER KEY LEADERS FOR IRAQ'S VIEWS ON ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION. MAROUF ALSO PLEDGED IRAQ'S SUPPORT FOR ISSUES IMPORTANT TO EAST ASIAN HOSTS.

2. PYONGYANG MEETING JULY NINTH WITH PRINCE NORODON SIHANOUK OF CAMBODIA RECEIVED PARTICULARLY DETAILED ATTENTION IN BAGHDAD MEDIA. THIS ALSO TRUE OF APPARENT FOLLOW UP VISIT A FEW DAYS LATER TO BAGHDAD BY CAMBODIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SARIN CHAAK.

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3. MOST TANGIBLE RESULT OF CHINA VISIT WAS EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS

ON EXPANDING ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND TRADE RELATIONS.

4. DURING KOREAN VISIT BOTH KIM IL SUNG AND SIHANOUK ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO VISIT IRAQ WITH DATES TO BE FIXED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

5. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL. USINT HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPORTING ON MAROUF'S TRAVELS FROM ANY ADDRESSEE.
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